



# Flood Control District of Maricopa County

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### **Public Meeting Announced for the Van Buren Street Channel Project**

*Proposed design will decrease flood hazards and provide a multi-use path for pedestrians and cyclists*

AVONDALE, Ariz. (March 12, 2013) – The Flood Control District of Maricopa County, in collaboration with the City of Avondale, will host a public meeting to present the conceptual design stage of a flood control channel along the north side of Van Buren Street between 99th Avenue and the Agua Fria River.

The goal of the street channel project is to create a drainage system that will provide flood hazard protection along Van Buren Street. The channel project will improve stormwater drainage in the Avondale City Center at Avondale Boulevard (115<sup>th</sup> Avenue) and Van Buren Street, and solve other crucial drainage issues for current and future development along Van Buren Street.

In addition to increased flood control, the Van Buren Street Channel will produce enhanced quality of life amenities for Avondale Residents. The project will incorporate a multi-use path to enhance pedestrian and bicycle connections, and improve the aesthetic appearance of the Van Buren Street streetscape through the use of exceptional landscaping design and other techniques.

Interested citizens are invited to attend the public meeting to learn about the project and review project design exhibits. Project team members from the District, and engineering and landscape architecture consulting firm representatives will be available to answer questions.

**Public Meeting**  
**Wednesday March 20**  
**6:00 – 7:30 p.m.** (open house)  
6:30 p.m. (presentation)

**Avondale City Hall**  
**Council Chambers**  
11465 W. Civic Center Drive, Avondale

The City of Avondale is committed to being a healthy, sustainable community. The proposed Van Buren Street Channel multi-use path is envisioned as an essential part of a larger trail system that, when complete, will connect pedestrians and cyclists to parks and other places of interest in a safe and enjoyable manner that eliminates dangerous conflicts between pedestrians/bicycles and cars.

Final project design will commence later in 2013. Subject to availability of funds, rights-of-way acquisition and utility relocation will begin as early as 2014 and channel construction as early as 2015.

*The Flood Control District of Maricopa County is tasked to provide regional flood hazard identification, regulation, remediation, and education to Maricopa County residents so that they can reduce their risk of injury, death, and property damage from flooding, while still enjoying the natural and beneficial values served by floodplains.*

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